

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2 and 8, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and amend Claims 1, 3-7, and 9-13 as follows (a complete listing of all the claims appears below):

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Claim 1 (currently amended): A data transmission apparatus comprising:

an input means for inputting unit, arranged to input data;

a transmission means for transmitting unit, arranged to transmit the data input

inputted by said input means unit to a destination;

a discrimination means for discriminating unit, arranged to discriminate an

attribute of the data input inputted by said input means unit;

a storage unit, arranged to store the data inputted by said input unit to a

predetermined memory; and

a control means for controlling unit, arranged to control a transmission operation

by of said transmission means unit in accordance with a discrimination result obtained by said

discrimination means unit,

wherein said control means unit controls a such that said transmission route of

unit transmits the data input inputted by said input means unit to the destination, or such that said

transmission unit transmits information indicating a storage location used by said storage unit to

the destination, in accordance with the discrimination result obtained by said discrimination

means unit.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, in the
a case where the data input by said input means is handed to the destination in which said
transmission unit transmits the information indicating the storage location, said transmission
means unit transmits a message indicative of an access manner of the data stored by said storage
unit to the destination.

Claim 4 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said
discrimination means unit discriminates a data amount of the data input inputted by said input
means unit.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A data transmission apparatus comprising:
an input means for inputting unit, arranged to input data;
a transmission means for transmitting unit, arranged to transmit the data input
inputted by said input means unit to a destination;
a discrimination means for discriminating unit, arranged to discriminate a
characteristic of the destination;
a storage unit, arranged to store the data inputted by said input unit to a
predetermined memory; and
a control means for controlling unit, arranged to control a transmission operation

by of said transmission means unit in accordance with a discrimination result obtained by said discrimination means unit,

wherein said control means unit controls a transmission route of the data input by said input means such that said transmission unit transmits the data inputted by said input unit to the destination, or such that said transmission unit transmits information indicating a storage location used by said storage unit to the destination, in accordance with the discrimination result obtained by said discrimination means unit.

Claim 6 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said discrimination means unit discriminates a connecting connection format for connecting to the destination.

Claim 7 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said discrimination means unit discriminates a processing ability of a device of the destination.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 8 5, wherein, in the a case where the data input by said input means is handed to the destination, said transmission means in which said transmission unit transmits the information indicating the storage location, said transmission unit transmits a message indicative of an access manner of the

data stored by said storage unit to the destination.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A data ~~transmitting~~ transmission method comprising:

an input step for of inputting data;

a transmission step of transmitting the data input by inputted in said input step to a destination;

a discrimination step of discriminating an attributed attribute of the data input by inputted in said input step;

a storage step of storing the data inputted in said input step to a predetermined memory; and

a control step of controlling a transmission operation by of said transmission step in accordance with a discrimination result by obtained in said discrimination step,

wherein in said control step, a transmission route of the data input by said input step is controlled such that said transmission step transmits the data inputted in said input step to the destination, or such that said transmission step transmits information indicating a storage location used in said storage step to the destination, in accordance with the discrimination result by obtained in said discrimination step.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A data ~~transmitting~~ transmission method comprising:

an input step for of inputting data;
a transmission step of transmitting the data input by inputted in said input step to a destination;

a discrimination step of discriminating a characteristic of the destination;
a storage step of storing the data inputted in said input step to a predetermined memory; and

a control step of controlling a transmission operation by of said transmission step in accordance with a discrimination result by obtained in said discrimination means step,

wherein in said control step, a transmission route of the data input by said input step is controlled controls such that said transmission step transmits the data inputted in said input step to the destination, or such that said transmission step transmits the information indicating a storage location used in said storage step to the destination, in accordance with the discrimination result by obtained in said discrimination step.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A storage medium storing a computer-readable program stored in a storage medium, comprising for implementing a data transmission method,
wherein the method comprises:

an input step for of inputting data;
a transmission step of transmitting the data input by inputted in said input step to a destination;
a discrimination step of discriminating an attribute of the data input by inputted in

said input step;

a storage step of storing the data inputted in said input step to a predetermined memory; and

a control step of controlling a transmission operation by of said transmission step in accordance with a discrimination result by obtained in said discrimination step,

wherein in said control step, a transmission route of the data input by said input step is controlled controls such that said transmission step transmits the data inputted in said input step to the destination, or such that said transmission step transmits information indicating a storage location used in said storage step to the destination, in accordance with the discrimination result by obtained in said discrimination step.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A storage medium storing a computer-readable program stored in a storage medium, comprising for implementing a data transmission method, wherein the method comprises:

an input step for of inputting data;

a transmission step of transmitting the data input by inputted in said input step to a destination;

a discrimination step of discriminating a characteristic of the destination;

a storage step of storing the data inputted in said input step to a predetermined memory; and

a control step of controlling a transmission operation by of said transmission step

in accordance with a discrimination result by obtained in said discrimination step,

wherein in said control step, a transmission route of the data input by said input step is controlled controls such that said transmission step transmits the data inputted in said input step to the destination, or such that said transmission step transmits information indicating a storage location used in said storage step to the destination, in accordance with the discrimination result by obtained in said discrimination step.